

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Southeast Alaska Independent Living****Federal Tax ID: 92-0144370****Project Title:****Project Type: Equipment and Materials**

Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc. - Lift-Equipped Vehicles

State Funding Requested: \$9,700
One-Time Need**House District: Juneau Areawide (3-4)****Brief Project Description:**

This funding will provide the 20% match required to acquire a lift-equipped taxi to serve native elders, seniors and people with disabilities.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$48,500**

	<u>Funding Secured</u>		<u>Other Pending Requests</u>		<u>Anticipated Future Need</u>	
	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>FY</i>
Federal Funds	\$38,800	09				
Total	\$38,800					

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The goal of the SAIL Taxi Program is to provide on-demand, accessible, affordable transportation to the elderly and persons with disabilities 24:7; 365 days a year.

Six years ago SAIL was awarded a grant through the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) for Juneau's only lift-equipped taxi. The original taxi has surpassed its useful life. DOT&PF approved 80% funding for a replacement vehicle. This request is for the required 20% match. SAIL currently has over 200 native elders, seniors, and people with disabilities using the taxi discount program. Tourists, visitors, and individuals not enrolled in the voucher program also regularly use the lift-equipped taxi. SAIL leases the lift-equipped vehicle at no cost to a vendor identified through a competitive bid process approved by DOT&PF. The vendor operates, insures, and maintains the vehicle and gives a 20% bulk rate voucher discount.

Project Timeline:

SAIL would submit a RFP within 30 days of receipt authority to acquire vendor quotes and choose a vendor 30 days later. Typically vehicle delivery takes 5 months, therefore it is anticipated delivery would occur in January 2011.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

The taxi vendor provides maintenance and operations.

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Requesting Agency: Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) Inc.

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PROJECT: Lift-equipped taxi for the Juneau road system (20% matching funds)

THIS REQUEST: \$9,700

In FY09, Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities awarded SAIL 80% funding for a lift-equipped taxi to serve the Juneau road system. This request seeks the mandatory 20% match.

The vehicle is needed to guarantee that one lift equipped on-demand taxi is available 24/7, 365 days a year to serve the capital city. Every system needs a 'back up'. One lift-equipped taxi is currently in use but is aging and periodically out of commission.

This lift-equipped taxi fills a critical and "special" niche in the Juneau Coordinated Transportation service array. This vehicle is a complement—not a replacement—to the valuable services provided Care-a-Van and Capital Transit. Seniors and people with disabilities use the lift-equipped taxi for the full gamut of transportation needs including medical appointments, to receive social services, obtain groceries, and do other errands. According to our current vendor, Juneau Taxi and Tours (selected through an RFP process and a JCTC Proposal Evaluation Committee), the lift-equipped taxi provides 5 to 9 rides per day to people who need the lift.

Eligible users of this project are those individuals who are sometimes unable to plan ahead to schedule transportation through Care-A-Van; those living outside the Transit/Para-transit boundaries; and those who need transportation before or after the scheduled hours of operation of Transit/Para-transit. Here are a few examples of riders:

- A Juneau resident with a disability was excited about the potential of employment as a grocery stocker. He would have been forced to abandon his employment goal because shift hours stretched beyond Para-transit and Capital Transit hours of operation but fortunately is able to secure rides with the lift equipped taxi and is an employed, contributing member of our community.
- A Juneau resident who lives beyond Para-Transit boundaries no longer can drive. He would be forced to sell his home and move closer to town however the lift-equipped taxi allows him to make his doctor's appointments and other errands and to keep his home and independence.
- A Juneau resident woke up sick and needing desperately to go to the doctor. The doctor could see her that morning but Care-a-van was unavailable until the following day. She called the lift-equipped taxi and made the appointment.
- Care-a-van is frequently unavailable because of high demand, especially during peak hours of operation. Additionally, many seniors and people with disabilities have difficulty, especially when the weather is poor (ice, snow, etc.), making it to the nearest bus stop.

An Aging and Disability Resource Center and Partner Agency of United Way of Southeast Alaska

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from Bob Petrovski <bobp@schetkynw.com>
to "Ms. Joan Herbage O'Keefe" <jokeefe@sailinc.org>
date Wed, Feb 24, 2010 at 12:30 PM
subject RE: taxi estimate

Dear Joan:

We can provide you with a 2010 ElDorado National Amerivan ADA Taxi built on a 2010 Dodge Grand Caravan, similarly equipped to your 2007 model, for a price of \$48,500.00 FOB Juneau. This does not include any applicable taxes or fees. I've attached literature on the Amerivan PT model. Yours would be similar to this, with the taxi package.

I hope this information meets your needs. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Best Regards,

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Schetky Northwest Sales, Inc.
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Standard Conversion Features

14" Lowered Stainless Steel Floor!

- ADA 56" high entry door and lighting
- ADA 31" wide manual ramp
- 54" long manual fold-out ramp
- 3 passenger rear seat modification
- Permanent driver's seat
- Removable passenger seat
- Q'Straint wheelchair track (RF/Mid locations)
- 1 set - Q'Straint restraint belts
- Grab handles - A Pillar/B Pillars
- Back-up alarm
- Commercial grade non-slip Altro flooring
- Swing-out ramp feature

DIMENSIONS

- Overall height of van 72³/₄"
- Door opening, usable height 56"
- Interior height at center of van 60"
- Interior height at driver and passenger position 60"
- Ground clearance (loaded) 5¹/₂"
- Overall interior floor length 88"
- Interior width at "B-pillar" 60"

STANDARD CHASSIS SPECIFICATIONS

- 6,050 lb. GVWR
- 3.3 liter V6 engine
- 4-speed automatic transmission
- Driver & passenger front impact air bags
- Front heating/air conditioning
- P225/65 R 16 BSW all season tires
- 20 gallon fuel tank

Popular Optional Equipment

(Note: This is only a partial listing of optional equipment. For more complete information, contact your ElDorado National representative.)

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Rear air conditioning/heating
- Additional Q'Straint belts
- 2 passenger fold-away Freedman™ seating – vinyl/OEM fabric
- Automatic load leveling air suspension
- Interior mounted spare tire with cover

OPTIONAL DOT PACKAGE

- First aid kit
- Fire extinguisher
- Reflective triangle kit



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Amerivan PT

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Consumer Features . . . Commercial Durability

- The Amerivan PT from ElDorado National represents the best in a premium quality lowered-floor minivan for light transit use.
- All the renowned construction features of the consumer version, including the **standard all stainless steel floor**, in an economical, durable commercial version.



Paratransit Vehicle

Functional Features



Ramp in position from the interior & removable seat

Amerivan PT features durable vinyl flooring and multiple Q'Straint L-track tie-down locations. Amerivan PT also includes "Quick Release" removable front passenger seating, optional fold-down middle seat and enhanced rear seat capacity for optimum passenger load. Our sturdy manual fold-out ramp has an easy-to-use swing-out gate feature for quick and clear access for all your passengers.



Standard Features

- Safe, commercial grade non-slip flooring made of skid-resistant durable vinyl.
- Easy-to-operate, non-skid manual fold-out ramp.
- Quality tie-down belts – we install the premier tie-down belt system made by Q'Straint – the industry benchmark for safety. You can rest assured that your wheelchair or motorized chair is securely fastened in your van. We also provide two floor tracks so you can determine where to hook the belts.
- The crash-tested Amerivan PT design meets or exceeds all applicable US motor vehicle safety standards.
- The Amerivan PT is built to last . . . all air conditioning, heating and braking lines are constructed in durable stainless steel. In fact, we're the only lowered-floor minivan you can buy with an **all stainless steel floor**.

WARRANTY

- 3-year, 36,000 mile warranty

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Reliable workmanship

Every EIDorado National component of your Amerivan has undergone rigid testing for safety and performance. The crash tested Amerivan design meets or exceeds all applicable U.S. vehicle safety standard.

STANDARD FEATURES



"Quick-release" seating



Optional DOT kit

